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Proposed Amendment to the PFA Rule Relating to Pesticide Tolerance Limits

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Report Highlights:

On May 15, 2009, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare published a draft gazette notification under the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act (PFA) for comments and suggestions from stakeholders within sixty days. The amendment proposes additional pesticide tolerance levels for various agricultural products, including soybeans, grapes, apples, and cotton.

General Information:

Introduction: The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare released a proposed draft amendment to the Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules framed under the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act (PFA), 1954, which sets new pesticide tolerance limits for several agricultural food products, including soybeans, grapes, apples, cotton, etc.

Disclaimer: This summary is based on a *cursory* review of the subject announcement and therefore should not under any circumstances, be viewed as a definitive reading of the regulation in question, or of its implications for U.S. agricultural export trade interests.

Type of Regulation: Draft

Details on the draft Gazette notification No. 328(E), dated May 15, 2009:

- **Publication Date:** May 15, 2009
- **Date of receiving comments:** July 14, 2009
- **WTO Notification Date:** Not notified to the WTO (as of May 21, 2009).
- **Products/Affected:** Groundnut oil, rice, tea, gram, pigeon pea, soybean seed, black pepper, mustard seed, sugarcane, citrus (acid lime), mango, okra, sunflower seed, chilies, rice, potato, mustard seed, onion, tomato, cotton seed oil, cabbage, grapes, apples, cotton seed, and coconut water.

Comments/suggestions should be addressed to:

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Proposed Changes:

NOTIFICATION (Text as published, attached on pages 3-6)

The full text version of the PFA Act and Rules can be accessed from:

<http://mohfw.nic.in/pfa%20acts%20and%20rules.pdf>

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